I am writing to urge the rejection of NAB's petition 01-160. The current state of revenue-producing public radio does not offer the options that satellite radio, specifically XM, does. I have been following the issue of NAB's protest of XM offering "local content" very closely, as it is something I am very interested in protecting.

I was very excited when I heard that XM was going to start offering traffic and weather for various cities. This was the only thing that was missing in my complete enjoyment of XM satellite radio. The local music and news-only stations cannot and do not offer the "fleshed out" reporting that XM does. When I did listen to AM and FM for traffic, I had to wait up to 10 minutes to see if maybe the traffic report even covered the particular freeway I was interested in. How many times have you tuned in and not even hear anything about the traffic jam you were sitting in? I can't tell you how many times I was stuck on the I-10 not having moved a mile in the previous 10 minutes and not heard anything about it on the traffic report. NOTHING. There are way too many freeways in LA and Orange Counties to do a thorough job in a 30 second report. XM offers a solution to this.

Not only do all freeways get covered, but I receive more information that I could ever hope to hear from LA radio. For instance, in addition to accident happening, I get driving disance between major freeways. This is just one example of information that does not get to the public via AM and FM stations.

I choose to pay for a different kind of information service. Instead of the NAB protecting their interests through petitions and bills, they should focus on bettering the quality of their programming.

Please do not take the freedom to choose from the public.